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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS SEMI-ARID LAND DEVELOPMENT IN
MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNISIA MAY 3-24, 1976

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1. SCHEDULE FOR RABAT ACCEPTABLE.

2. DURING SPRING OF 1975, USAID MOROCCO BEGAN DEVELOPING PROGRAM TO ASSIST GOM WITH DRYLANDS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. SEMINAR THUS COMES AT PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE MOMENT. AT SAME TIME USAID SEES POTENTIAL PROBLEM. UNLESS PRESENTED PROPERLY TO GOM, SEMINAR RISKS GENERATING SUSPICION THAT ORIGINAL MOTIVE FOR USAID DRYLANDS PROPOSAL WAS SALE OF US EQUIPMENT. EMBASSY AND USAID THEREFORE REQUEST THAT SPECIAL THOUGHT GO INTO HOW TO AVERT SUCH SUSPICIONS. RECOMMEND THAT ADVANCE MEN SECURE WASHINGTON BRIEFING FROM BOB MORROW AND LYNN CATOE OF AID, WHILE PREPARATIONS STILL IN PLANNING STAGES. ADVANCE MAN SHOULD ALSO PLAN TO SPEND AT LEAST THREE FULL DAYS RABAT PRIOR TO SEMINAR, ALLOWING TIME FOR THROUGH AID AND EMBASSY ECON BRIEFING AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH GOM.

3. SEED PRODUCTION, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED DRYLANDS MACHINERY, AND IRRIGATION HAVE PRIORITY WITHIN DRYLANDS PROGRAM. HOPE USDOC WILL SELECT TEAM WITH THESE PRIORITIES IN MIND. IN
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THIS CONNECTION, SUGGEST EMPHASIS BE ON RECRUITING AT LEAST

SOME PARTICIPANTS FAMILIAR WITH DRYLAND METHODS AND EQUIPMENT OF US FAR WEST WHICH MORE COMPARABLE TO MOROCCAN SITUATION THAN MID-WEST.

4. PROPERLY PRESENTED, THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF MINAG NOT ONLY SUPPORTING BUT PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN SEMINAR AND WE INITIATING EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THAT RESULT. CURRENTLY PLAN FOR SEMINAR TO BE HELD RABAT, BUT FORESEE POSSIBILITY THAT GOM MIGHT REQUEST SECOND SESSION AT ANOTHER SITE. IN SUCH EVENT WE WOULD VIEW MARRAKECH AS MORE DESIRABLE THAN CASABLANCA. WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

5. BECAUSE OF NATURE MOROCCAN DRYLANDS FARMING SKETCHED ABOVE, WE SEE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE IN SEMINAR TEAM ARRIVING HERE ON FRIDAY APRIL 30, BEFORE SEMINAR BEGINS, EMPLOYING PART OF JET-LAG RECOVERY TIME TO VISIT SOME ARID LANDS AREAS BY CAR. THIS COULD READILY BE COMBINED WITH WEEKEND STOPS AT FES, MEKNES AND OTHER SITES OF HISTORIC AND TOURISTIC INTEREST.

6. ALL LITERATURE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE HERE, IN FRENCH TRANSLATION AND SUFFICIENT NUMBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION, WELL BEFORE TEAM ARRIVAL. TO BE UNDERSTOOD, ALL SPEECHES MUST BE PRESENTED IN FRENCH; THEREFORE ADVANCE MAN SHOULD BRING COMPLETE TEXTS OF TALKS AND FUNDS TO HAVE TRANSLATIONS MADE RABAT (WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED IN ALGIERS AND TUNIS). DURING ADVANCE MAN'S FIRST VISIT, WE WOULD PLAN TO RETAIN INTERPRETERS LOCALLY TO READ FRENCH TEXTS AT TIME OF SEMINAR OVER MULTI-CHANNEL SOUND SYSTEM SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ENGLISH TALK. COULD ALSO ARRANGE COMMERCIAL PRINTING IN FRENCH FOR RABAT USE AS WELL AS SUFFICIENT NUMBER FOR TEAM TO HAND CARRY TO ALGIERS AND TUNIS SO THAT SUMMARIES CAN BE DISTRIBUTED WITH OTHER LITERATURE. NEUMANN

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